

Introduced by Senator Speier

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 68154 to the Government Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 660, as introduced, Speier. Court records: confidentiality.

(1) Existing law governing the management and preservation of trial court records provides that whatever format used for preserving court records shall be made reasonably accessible to all members of the public for viewing and duplication the same as paper records would be. Existing case law recognizes a right of public access to court records in holding that court records are public records generally available to the public unless a specific exception or countervailing public policy makes specific records nonpublic.

This bill would require, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that a court record be kept in a confidential file if it contains the social security number of any person, the bank account numbers of any person, or information revealing the disposition of any deceased person's estate.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 68154 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:

1 68154. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a court
2 record that contains any of the following information shall be kept
3 in a confidential file:

4 (a) The social security number of any person.

5 (b) The bank account numbers of any person.

6 (c) Information revealing the disposition of any deceased
7 person's estate.

